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- 1. AN AGREEMENT FOR ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND SWITZERLAND WAS SIGNED IN BAGHDAD IN EARLY FEB 1978 BY THE IRAQI DEP MIN FOR COMMERCE, MEHDI MOHSEN AUDEN, AND SWISS AMBASSADOR TO BAGHDAD, DR. ARNOLD HUGENTOBLER. SWITZERLAND AND IRAQ WILL BE ESTABLISHING A JOINT COMMISSION FOR DEVELOPING TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.
- 2. AS REPORTED REFTEL, A SWISS ECONOMIC DELEGATION LEFT FOR A GOODWILL TRIP TO THAILAND AND MALAYSIA FROM FEB 20-MAR 4. THE DEL IS LED BY AMBASSADOR KLAUS KACOBI, FEDERAL DELEGATE FOR TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY, DIV OF COMMERCE, DEPT OF PUBLIC ECONOMY, WHO IS ALSO SWISS GOVERNOR OF ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK. THE DEL CONSISTS OF REPS OF SWISS COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATIONS, SWISS CENTER FOR COMMERCIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPMENT, AND VARIOUS ECONOMIC GROUPS.

3. TRIP TO THAILAND AND MALAYSIA CONTINUATION OF ONE BEGUN IN NOV 1977 WHICH COVERED INDONESIA, THE PHILIPPINES AND SINGAPORE. PURPOSE THESE VISITS IS TO INCREASE SWISS ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH ASEAN AS A REGIONAL ECONOMIC UNIT, AND BILATERALLY WITH

ASEAN MEMBERS. AGREEMENTS ON INVESTMENT PROTECTION
WILL BE SIGNED WITH SINGAPORE AND POSSIBLY THAILAND
DURING THIS TRIP.

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